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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2001. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims ~~38-43~~ (marked up version attached in Appendix), such that pending claims 1-43 read as follows:

1. A method of enhancing milk component production in a ruminant, the method comprising:

providing a feed that comprises a sugar alcohol; and

supplying the sugar alcohol to the abomasum of the ruminant.